Timeline Tuesday
Data Snapshot: High School Graduation

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Why look at graduation rates?
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION/MITROPUS TIMELINE

1994: Delaware starts to report dropout rates in compliance with the National Center for Educational Statistics requirements.

2001: Delaware's Department of Education (DOE) implements the Dropout Verification System which increases the accuracy of student placement and enrollment data.

2015: DOE introduces Delaware's College Success Report which provides data related to students' college and career readiness.

2017: Parent Consent: Delaware legislatively mandates that any student over the age of 16 who wishes to leave school prior to graduation must obtain written consent from a parent or guardian and attend an exit interview to discuss the negative impacts associated with dropping out of school.

2018: Graduation: Delaware's graduation rate reaches a record high of 86.7%.

Next: Resilience: Implement restorative practices in schools in conjunction with Delaware's Trauma-Informed status to further reduce dropout rates/increase graduation rates.
Delaware Graduation Rates

Source: Delaware Department of Education
Note: Delaware uses the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, which measures the number and percentage of cohort members who earned a regular high school diploma within four years or less.
### Four-Year Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity

**Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020**

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Four-Year Graduation Rates by Student Group
Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020

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Delaware Graduation Rates

Figure 4
Four-Year and Five-Year Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity
Class of 2019
Delaware Graduation Rates

Figure 5
Four-Year and Five-Year Graduation Rates by Other Subgroup Characteristics
Class of 2019

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Public High School Dropouts
Grades 9–12, Delaware by Race and Ethnicity

Source: Delaware Department of Education
Delaware Dropout Rates
2001-Present

Dropouts 2001/02 To Current (Percent)

KIDS COUNT in Delaware
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation
Dropout Rates
Race/Ethnicity
School Year 2017/18

Delaware
- All - 1.7
- White/Other - 1.3
- Hispanic - 2.5
- Black - 2.0

New Castle County
- All - 1.5
- White/Other - 1.0
- Hispanic - 1.7
- Black - 2.1

Kent County
- All - 1.6
- White/Other - 1.5
- Hispanic - 2.2
- Black - 1.6

Sussex County
- All - 2.2
- White/Other - 1.6
- Hispanic - 4.2
- Black - 2.0

Delaware Average: 1.7

Source: Delaware Department of Education
Distance learning was the most common method to engage students during COVID-19

Change in how households with children received education due to the coronavirus pandemic in Delaware, Nov 25-Dec 21

- No change because schools did not close: 4%
- Classes were changed in some other way: 12%
  - Classes were cancelled: 27%
  - Classes moved to distance learning using paper materials sent home: 17%
  - Classes moved to distance learning using online resources: 77%

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2020
Households in which internet and/or a computer or digital device are usually or always available to children for educational purposes in Delaware

Nov 25-Dec 21

- 86% have internet and computer or digital device
- 96% have a computer or digital device
- 90% have internet

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2020
Disconnected Youth

Teens Not Graduated, Not Enrolled, And Not Working (Percent)

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Adults without a high school diploma earn less on average than peers with more education.

Percent of People Over Age 25 Who are Without a High School Diploma or GED by Census County Divisions, 2015-2019

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
A Community of Support for Students

- Community Non-Profits
- Delaware State Board of Education
- Delaware Department of Education
- Many other programs
The American Rescue Plan Act

- Relief schools need to begin helping all students recover
- $126 billion in resources to students
  - 20% to be set aside for learning loss
- $7.2 billion to help close the digital divide
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